

School water supplier still in dispute

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MADISON VILLAGE - There was extended discussion regarding the dispute concerning who will provide water to the new Madison Middle School at the Oct. 17 council meeting.

Councilman John Hamercheck reported the Utilities Committee attended an Oct. 14 meeting at the Madison School Board Offices to discuss the water tap-in dispute the village had with the Lake County Department of Utilities.

"The tap-in dispute centers around the LCDU's interpretation of the bulk water agreement (with the village)," Hamercheck said.

LCDU's sanitary engineer, Al Saari, stated LCDU would not agree to the village expanding its current water service area.

Hamercheck said the village does not believe the municipal boundaries should be the limit of its service district.

"Law Director Szeman went on to indicate that the village is at an impasse with LCDU and it may be necessary to seek court relief in the form of a declarative judgment," Hamercheck said. "Additionally, it was clarified that the school district would not be provided a building permit unless the school district agrees to extend a service line for 2,161 feet to the nearest county tie point."

The village is interested in having the school district,

whose interests are in agreement with the village position, join in any court action.

He said School Board President Rex Reigert stated the district had intended to purchase water from the village when it bought the property.

Hamercheck said the LCDU would require the school tying into the 1,499-foot fire service loop.

"Concern centers on the appearance that in addition to LCDU not providing flow data to the school's engineers the LCDU also apparently did not advise the schools engineers that they are demanding the schools tie into a low flow, dead-end connection on Burns Road," Hamercheck said.

He asked village engineer Dave McCallops if they were right to be concerned about the quality of the water under those circumstances.

"Whenever you have a loop of that length, of that size, you have a tendency for the water to become stagnant in that line," McCallops said, adding bacteria could also become a problem and he had seen it in a 40-foot line.

It was noted there is a village water line to that Middle Ridge Road property already. So, another question was who decided what the water districts were, but there did not seem to be a specific agency with oversight.

In other business:

Councilman Ken Takacs questioned payment of some invoices from last

year to CT Consultants for work on Safford Street.

Finance Director Tony Long said they were invoices which had not been received and copies were requested. They were verified as being due.

There was further discussion of what payments were withheld concerning Stafford Street, what funds were still due from OPEC, and what was the situation concerning efforts to resolve the Stafford Street issues.

Council voted to untable an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a backbone equipment purchase agreement with the Board of Lake County Commissioners, and declaring an emergency.

Law Director Joseph Szeman said the agreement, because of strikeouts, had been reduced to five pages from six and had an exhibit added.

Council voted to amend the ordinance and pass it. It had been tabled due to some missing information.

Council voted to untable and pass an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for use of a radio system with the Board of Lake County Commissioners, and declaring an emergency.

Council voted to amend the ordinance with some deletions and pass it. It had been tabled due to some missing information.

A resident urged everyone to drive carefully on Hal-

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loween night when the trick or treaters are out.

There was discussion about parents needed to put some type of reflective materials on the costumes.

Britton, on the Safety Committee, reported the cost for the low band would be a little over the \$2,700 initially planned. The village will receive four free radios from the county grant. Initially there was budget of \$120,000 for radios which Police Chief Dawn Shannon was able to cut back to \$68,500.

The new parking ordinance went into effect this week.

Councilman Duane Frager reported that the Madison Rec Board had been concerned with issues within the Madison Youth Football League (because concerned MYFL parents asked). The Rec Board formed a sub-committee to look into the matter and a four-point plan was presented. (See the Lake County Tribune Oct. 12 Sports Section, "MJRD overseeing MYFL" for full coverage of the Oct. 4 Rec Board meeting.)

To contact the Rec Board, the number is (440) 218-4269.

Councilman Don Bartlett reported the Madison Community Investment Corporation (MCIC) had discussed at its last meeting how to "take donations" once it receives its 501(C)3 (non-profit organization) status.

MCIC is also working on nursery item relocation from the school property.

"Trevor (Behm) reported that he's still working with Norfolk & Western as far as the train depot and certainly trying to hopefully find out the property appraisal that Norfolk & Western are doing, and looking for a way to write off that part of the appraisal process," Bartlett said.

MCIC is also making plans for a fund-raiser selling special Christmas ornaments.

Village Engineer Dave McCallops reported work had begun on the Edwards Street manhole and the repair cost would be about \$3,200 rather than the \$4,000 estimated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned to executive session to conference with its attorney concerning pending or imminent court action.

The next regular council meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7.

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